

**SOL ROSENBLUM SEVERES CONNECTION WITH MIZRACHI.**

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ed that party within the Zionist Organization of the World which was concerning itself with spiritual and religious questions of Israel everywhere and especially with these questions as they pertained to rejuvenated Israel in Palestine. For such a party there is certainly room and need within the Zionist Organization. It, however, never entered my mind that the Mizrachi Organization did entertain or would ever be likely to entertain political ambitions, which would lead to aggressiveness and antagonism to the Zionist Organization of America, which has been existing for over twenty years, and which as the pioneer of Zionism in this country has faced and contended with all the disheartening obstacles, indifference of the public and the strong opposition of the anti-Zionists, and succeeded despite all to secure the ablest Jewish minds in the country and enlist in the organization of the masses of our people.

"It was therefore distressing to me to find that at the very time when unity is so essential and should be our watchword, the Mizrachi leaders are presuming to declare war on the Zionist Organization of America, creating a political opposition party,

working in competition with the American Organization, and are exhibiting to the world a spectacle of dissension within the Zionist Organization that must be a source of greatest comfort to our enemies, and a deadly weapon against us in their hands.

"As a loyal Mizrachi I have endeavored to convert our Mizrachi leaders to a more rational course of conduct, but an extensive correspondence in this direction with Rabbi Berlin only served to emphasize to me the stubbornness of the Mizrachi attitude, and brought to me criticism for my failure and refusal to assign a portion of my restoration fund contribution to the Central Committee, over which Rabbi Berlin presides. Nothing else then remained for me but to leave the organization, which has honored me as its delegate to the Jewish Congress.

"I hold it as evident that the present critical and solemn moment in our life as a people demands that all those who agree on the main issue of the restoration of Palestine should be enrolled in the organization and present a united voice both for proclaiming to the world as against the enemies of Israel from without and within the historic title and aspiration of the Jewish people to Palestine and their ability and readiness to cope with the enormous problems and tasks that this aspiration involves. Instead of realizing this plain fact, the Miz-

rachi upon the pretext that the Zionist Organization of America cannot be trusted with questions of our religious welfare, have undertaken to renounce their larger and truer function of bringing Judaism into the House of Israel, and dare confining it to a small opposition political party.

"No party can have a right to assume a monopoly of Orthodox Judaism, much less can a party that is claiming a monopoly on Judaism meddle with politics. It may be right to inject religion into politics but not politics into religion. Our past history, especially the period of our Second Restoration, furnishes ample warning against the union of religion and politics.

"The Mizrachi, while professing to represent Orthodox Judaism, is proceeding to campaign for funds for Mizrachi Colonies, Mizrachi Engineering, Mizrachi Medicine, Mizrachi Manufacture, all this in duplication of and in direct competition with the vast labors that are undertaken for this purpose by the American Zionist Organization. By doing so, the Mizrachi are wittingly or unwittingly guilty of nothing short of treason to the Jewish Cause. Such a course cannot be justified by any party consideration. The present publicity of the Mizrachi aiming to "shake confidence" in our leaders; belittling their achievements as well as those of the Zionist

Organization of America, and charging them and their Organization with lack of reverence to Jewish Ideals is only aggravating the Mizrachi conduct.

"The illustrious names at the head of the Zionist Organization of America need no defense from me. How much they contributed to the progress of Zionism here and what part they played in the great political work, which resulted in the Balfour Declaration and the consummation of the Jewish Hope, and what they have done and are doing at Paris, London and Palestine, will be remembered not only by American Jews but by Jewry at large, and it constitutes the brightest chapter of Zionist History. The names of Justice Brandeis, Judge Mack, Dr. Friedenwald, Dr. Wise, Messrs. de Haas, Lipsky, Frankfurter, Flexner, Gans and others will forever remain inseparably connected with the realization of Zionism.

"What the Zionist Organization of America has done in preserving our colonies and educational institutions in Palestine, in preparing for the reconstruction of our land and re-establishment of our national life is the pride of every American Zionist. From the very beginning of the war it came to the rescue of the Holy Land, took over more and more the financial responsibilities of the World Zionist Or-

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